

**ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**  
**September 17, 2017**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME Glenn Patterson, worship leader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER CONCERNS

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 114)

Leader: Israel went out from Egypt,  
Judah became God's sanctuary.

**People: The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.**

Leader: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,

**People: At the presence of the God of Jacob,**

**All: Who turns the rock into a pool of water.**

\* HYMN NO. 87 "What Gift Can We Bring"

OFFERTORY "Take Me to the Water" Lindsey Blackwell

\* DOXOLOGY NO. 95

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

BAPTISM OF WALKER FOX BLACKWELL Covenant 1, p. 33

\* HYMN NO. 2248 "Baptized in Water"

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:19-22, 30-31 Pew Bible p. 83, 84

\*Matthew 18:21-35 Pew Bible p. 1195-1196

ANTHEM "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" Rentz

SERMON "The Life of the Church"  
The Rev. Robert Countiss, D. Min.

TIME OF PRAYER

Call to Prayer "I Love You, Lord"

Intercessory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
AMEN.**

\* HYMN NO. 2234 "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

\* BENEDICTION

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Amen.**

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Hallelujah!**

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Thanks be to God!**

Go in peace in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

\* SONG OF BLESSING "Go Now in Peace" Price and Besig

Go now in peace; never be afraid. God will go with you each hour  
of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He  
will guide you in all you do. Go now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there,  
watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen.

\* POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able



*The flowers this morning are given to  
the glory of God and in honor of  
Karen and Jim Gardner's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary  
with love from their Texas family.*

**Lectionary for September 24**

**Psalm 105:1-5; Philippians 1:27-30; Matthew 20:1-15**

**Sunday, September 17**

**8:45 a.m. Contemporary:** Glenn Patterson

**8:45 a.m. Traditional:** Rev. Robert Countiss

**11:00 a.m. Traditional:** Rev. Robert Countiss

***Greeters:*** Wayne and Judy English

***Acolytes:*** Katie Rankin and Carter Withers

***Ushers for Traditional Worship:*** Team A

***Offering Stewards:*** Tom and Liz Bowen

***Children's Church:*** Brittani Clayman

***Flowers:*** Kari Hull

***Sound:*** Tanner Cook, Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

***Photographer:*** Bobby Bolling

**Our Communion offering will go to the**

**UMCOR Disaster Response for Hurricane Harvey.**

**Our Communion food will be Canned Meats such as  
beef stew (small cans please), ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs  
and large canned chicken.**

**Sunday, September 24**

**8:45 a.m. Contemporary:** Rev. Robert Countiss

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**11:00 a.m. Traditional:** Rev. Robert Countiss

***Greeters:*** Phillip and Sherri Sprinkle

***Acolytes:*** Mary and Carolyn Hitch

***Ushers for Traditional Worship:*** Team B

***Offering Stewards:*** Frank and Carol Sims

***Children's Church:*** Brittani Clayman

***Flowers:*** Needed

***Sound:*** Tanner Cook, Roger Edwards and Brent Treash

***Photographer:*** Bobby Bolling

**OUR CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Robert Countiss, D.Min., Pastor

Glenn Patterson, Director of Music

Lindsey Blackwell, Music Ministry Assistant

Lisa Withers, Organist/Accompanist

Suzanne Rankin, Program Director

Brittani Clayman, Director of Students

Michele Carpenter, Office Manager

Bill Gibson, Contemporary Music Director

Moises Martinez, Student Intern

Kitty McCormick, Infant Nursery Worker

Jessica Hawks, Infant Nursery Worker

Wendy Long, Toddler Nursery Worker

Laken Price, Toddler Nursery Worker

Butch and Peggy Jones, Custodians

**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

# Abingdon United Methodist Church

**Sun.** Sept. 17 8:45 a.m. ....Contemporary Service  
 8:45 a.m. .... Traditional Service  
 9:45 a.m. .... Kidstuff  
 9:45 a.m. ....Adult Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. ....Bible Study Walking in the Light  
 9:45 a.m. ....Youth Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. ....Confirmation Class  
 11:00 a.m. .... Traditional Service  
 2:00 p.m. .... Family Bike Ride  
 4:00 p.m. ....Nominations Meeting  
 5:45 p.m. ....Confirmation Class  
**Mon.** Sept.18 9:30 a.m. ... Lillian Bondurant Circle at Feeding America  
**Tues.** Sept. 19 6:30 p.m. .... Scouts  
 7:00 p.m. ....Bible Study Walking in the Light  
**Wed.** Sept. 20 6:30 a.m. ....Men’s Prayer Breakfast JMH  
 10:30 a.m. .... Faith Lift  
 5:15 p.m. .... Wonderful Wednesday Dinner  
 6:10 p.m. .... Handbells  
 6:15 p.m. .... Flood Bucket Mission  
 6:15 p.m. ....Confirmation Class  
 6:15 p.m. ....Children’s Choir/Youth Activity  
 6:45 p.m. .... Youth Choir/Children’s Activity  
 7:00 p.m. .... Choir  
**Thurs.** Sept. 21 6:00 p.m. .... Social Club at AUMC

**NEW MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS/YOUTH**

Starting this Wednesday, Wonderful Wednesdays will be getting musical with the addition of an AUMC Children’s Choir and an AUMC Youth Choir! We will meet for dinner according to schedule and then at 6:15 the children and youth will be invited downstairs for their evening activities with Miss Lindsey and Miss Brittani! In addition to lessons and fun each week with Miss Brittani, the children and youth will also be invited to participate in our Choir programs with Miss Lindsey, culminating in special opportunities in our Worship services here at AUMC. Don’t miss these wonderful new experiences for your family!

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY DINNER RESERVATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to have a standing Reservation?: Yes

**MENU: Chicken and Rice, hashbrown casserole, baked beans, salad, bread, dessert. Krew #2**

**Please return to church office by Tuesday at Noon.**

**PRAYER LIST**

In an effort to keep the Prayer List updated and current, requests will be removed from the Prayer List after 4 weeks. Please let us know of any

**New Requests: Caroline Maloskey (Ann Wright), Beverly Keener, Dorothy DeBord**

**Condolences to Denny Farmer and Cindy Farmer in the death of their uncle last week.**

**Military Deployment:** Dr. Aaron Cook (Sarah Armbrister)

**Prayer List:** Conner Bartz (Sandra Jonas), VT Carr, Nadine Farmer (Denny/Cindy Farmer), French Moore, Jr.

**Treatment Pending/Continuing:** Rusty Cline, June Donch (Marsha Demase), Mike Ferrell, Ellee Large (Becky Matney), Audrey Salazar (Roger and Alta Edwards)

**Homebound, Independent Living/Retirement, Assisted Care and Rehab Facilities:** Harry Arnold, Delcie Boyd, Jim Cole, John and Phyllis Deadmore, Peggy Donaldson, Carol Hearl, Bob Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Annabelle Keener, Bill Sutherland, Jan Thrasher, Mae Turner, Mary Ruth Vaught (Judy Casey’s mother), Madge Via, Gene Widener, Millie Woody

This is National Opioid and Heroin Awareness Week. Please keep in prayer all those who are seeking to recover from this addiction and the programs that are working toward that end.

**LEMON AUCTION**

Our Annual Lemon Auction is set for Wednesday, September 27 at 6:15 p.m. We’ll have an auctioneer auction “Lemon” Items to the highest bidder. Lemon items can be those items that you have at home that no one uses or wants any more. One man’s lemon is another man’s lemonade! We ask that all items be in working condition; items that can be carried in and carried out; no clothing or computers please. Items can be brought to the fellowship hall starting September 25. On the day of the Auction you can purchase “lemon dollars” – for one dollar you can have 10 lemon dollars. The more lemon dollars, the more spending power you have. This is a fun event for the entire family!

**SOCIAL CLUB AT AUMC IN SEPTEMBER**

Our Fall meeting of The Social Club is Thursday, September 21. Our guests, local mentally-challenged folk, really look forward to their church outings consisting of a meal followed by Bingo. We also hand out “goodie bags” at the end of the evening. Look for the donation box outside Michele’s office. Suggested goodie bag items: sample-sized lotions & shampoos, deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste, combs, brushes, jewelry for both men & women, small note books, ball caps. Suggested Bingo prizes: word-search books, colored pencils & lined notebooks, hand/body creams (full-sized), playing cards, key rings, plastic water bottles, small calculators, purses. Please—NO candy, gum, razors or sharp objects. DEADLINE: Monday, September 18.



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